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SUBJ: COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA NEGOTIATE WITH PANAMA

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1. PRESIDENT LOPEZ TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH PANAMA ON COLOMBIAN CANAL TRAFFIC RIGHTS. HE ASSUMED THIS WOULD MAKE IT "EASIER FOR US". PANAMA HAS AGREED TO RECOGNIZE COLOMBIAN RIGHTS UNDER THE URRUTIA-THOMSON TREATY. THAT WAS WHY FOREIGN MIN LIEVANO WAS IN PANAMA THIS PAST WEEK END ALONG WITH FONMIN FACIO. A THREE WAY NEGOTIATION WAS UNDERWAY WHEREBY PANAMA WOULD ASSURE BOTH COSTA RICA AND COLOMBIA ON CABOTAGE RIGHTS AND A VARIETY OF "SECURITY AND ECONOMIC MEASURES."

2. LOPEZ SAID THAT ON THURSDAY FEB 20 HE WOULD INFORM THE NATION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS EXPLAINING THAT COLOMBIA HAD UNDERTAKEN THEM TO ASSURE ITSELF OF ITS SECURITY AND WELL BEING. HE ALSO INDICATED HE WOULD AT SOME EARLY DATE TRAVEL TO PANAMA, PRESUMABLY TO SIGN OR ANNOUNCE AGREEMENTS REACHED.

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